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In re Application of BERGER, Jens

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METHOD FOR INSTRUMENTAL VOICE For:

QUALITY EVALUATION

DECISION ON PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.182

In a communication mailed by this Office on 31 May 2000, applicants were informed of an apparent typographical error in the transmittal letter filed 27 April 2000 to initiate this national stage application. Specifically, the transmittal letter identified the international application to which it was directed as PCT/EP98/05972, although other indications were that the international application intended was PCT/EP99/05972.

On 28 June 2000, applicant filed the "Petition To Correct Error In Transmittal Letter (Form PTO-1390) Under 37 CFR 1.182" considered herein. This petition included the authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 11-0600 for the \$130 petition fee, and it confirmed that the international application identified in the transmittal letter was intended to read PCT/EP99/05972.

Applicant's petition under 37 CFR 1.182 is GRANTED. The transmittal letter filed 27 April 2000 is corrected so as to indicate the proper international application of PCT/EP99/05972.

A review of the materials submitted by applicant on 27 April 2000 reveals that the purported translation of the international application is unacceptable because the drawings contain untranslated German text (see PCT Rule 49.5(d)). It is also noted that the Preliminary Amendment filed on 27 April 2000 refers to "amended Figs 2a, 2b, and 3 submitted herewith." No such amended figures are present in the application file.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch of the PCT Operations Division for further processing in accord with this decision, including the mailing of a Notification Of Missing Requirements and a Notification Of A Defective Translation indicating that applicant must submit: (1) a proper translation, including translated drawings, and (2) the \$130 processing fee for filing the translation after the twenty month deadline.

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